## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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		:	<b>COMPLIANCE WITH A</b>	<u>SUBPOENA</u>
v.		:	[Case No. 07 C 5953	
FINISH THOMPSON, INC.,		:	Pending in U.S. District Co	
		:	for the Northern Distric	t of Illinois]
	Defendant.	:		
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STATE OF NEW YORK	) ) ss.:		MATSUMO	TO, J.
COUNTY OF NEW YORK	)			

#### DAVID A. PAUL, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am an associate with the firm Leader & Berkon LLP, attorneys for Plaintiff, G.M. SIGN, INC., and I am duly admitted to practice law before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. I am familiar with the facts and circumstances of this case.
- 2. I make this affidavit in support of Plaintiff's application by Order to Show Cause for an order compelling Caroline Abraham to provide certain information responsive to a subpoena for records and deposition issued by this Court, and alternatively, holding Caroline Abraham in contempt of court for failing to comply with the subpoena pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45(e).
- On August 16, 2007, Plaintiff filed a class action lawsuit in the
   Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois on behalf of a class of persons to which Defendant

sent advertisements by fax without the recipients' prior express permission or invitation, alleging violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227. A copy of the Class Action Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- 4. On October 22, 2007, Defendant removed the case to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division as of right pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2).
- 5. Discovery in this case has revealed that Defendant created a form advertisement and hired Business to Business Solutions, a company owned by Caroline Abraham, to fax the advertisements to businesses without first obtaining their permission.
- 6. On July 25, 2008, Plaintiff's counsel served a subpoena for records and deposition on Caroline Abraham at her residence in Brooklyn, NY. A copy of the subpoena dated July 7, 2008 is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 7. Prior to the deposition, Ms. Abraham produced certain, but not all, documents responsive to the subpoena.
- 8. On September 16, 2008, Abraham appeared for deposition in Brooklyn, NY. A copy of the Abraham deposition transcript is attached hereto as Exhibit C. During the deposition, Ms. Abraham was asked questions regarding documents requested in the subpoena. In response, Ms. Abraham testified that she would provide additional information responsive to the subpoena, including the numbers of telephone lines used in the alleged advertising scheme:
  - Q: Do you have records concerning the phone lines, 20 or 30, that you maintained back at the time these faxes were allegedly sent?
  - A: I don't know. I'd have to search through old phone lines and figure it out.

O: Can you tell me the phone numbers of the lines that you used in

connection with this Business to Business fax?

- A: There were many of them. I don't remember them. I have old phone bills. Maybe I could dig them up.
- Q: If I asked you what phone company you used to have these faxes sent out in October 2005, what would your answer be?
- A: I'd have to look through bank records, my file cabinet.
- Q: Can you find the numbers that you were using in October of '05 by finding the payment of the bill, whether on-line or by check, that you received after the time that these faxes were sent out?
- A: It's very likely.
- Q: And you agreed that as part of your responsibilities in this subpoena in this proceeding that you will go home and take reasonable steps to find out what records you have and to reveal them to [the parties]?
- A: Yes, reasonable, yes.
- Q: That you are under the requirement of our request in this process through this subpoena –
- A: I understand.
- Q: -- to search for what records you have, and be able to tell us what you got, and what you're going to get or how we're going to have to get it; okay?
- A: Correct.

pg. 48, lines 10-15; pgs. 61-62, lines 22-25, 1-2; pg. 63, lines 1-12; pgs. 70-71, lines 20-25, 1-3; pg. 79, lines 16-22; pg. 80, lines 11-19.

- 8. The documents related to the telephone lines are relevant and necessary as the telephone records and other documents will show to whom the faxes were sent. This information is crucial for Plaintiff to establish numerosity and damages in the pending litigation.
- 9. On three separate occasions in October 2008, Plaintiff's counsel, Ryan M. Kelly, Esq. of Anderson & Wanca, contacted Ms. Abraham by e-mail asking her to comply with the subpoena for records. Copies of the e-mail messages are attached hereto as Exhibit D. Also, during that time, Plaintiff's counsel attempted to contact Ms.

Abraham by telephone and left several messages, but she refused to answer or to return his calls.

- 10. All of the October 2008 communications have been ignored, and no documents have been produced by Ms. Abraham subsequent to the deposition, nor has Ms. Abraham informed the parties that she is not in custody or control of the requested documents.
- Order compelling Caroline Abraham to produce all documents and provide all outstanding information as articulated in the e-mail from Plaintiff's counsel dated October 6, 2008, all of which is responsive to the subpoena, and alternatively holding Caroline Abraham in contempt of court for failing to comply with the subpoena pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45(e), and for any other relief this Court deems just and proper.

DAVID A. PAUL (DP-7629)

Sworn to before me this

18th day of November, 2008.

**Notary Public** 

CAROLINE C. MARINO
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 02MA6168740

Qualified in New York County Commission Expires June 18, 2011

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**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT** 

Plaintiff, G.M. SIGN, INC. ("Plaintiff"), brings this action on behalf of its light of the persons similarly situated, through its attorneys, and except as to those allegations pertaining to Plaintiff or its attorneys, which allegations are based upon personal knowledge, alleges the following upon information and belief against Defendant, FINISH THOMPSON, INC. ("Defendant"):

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. This case challenges Defendant's practice of faxing unsolicited advertisements.
- 2. The federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 USC § 227, prohibits a person or entity from faxing or having an agent fax advertisements without the recipient's prior express invitation or permission ("junk faxes" or "unsolicited faxes"). The TCPA provides a private right of action and provides statutory damages of \$500 per violation.
- 3. Unsolicited faxes damage their recipients. A junk fax recipient loses the use of its fax machine, paper, and ink toner. An unsolicited fax wastes the recipient's valuable time that would have been spent on something else. A junk fax interrupts the recipient's privacy.

  Unsolicited faxes prevent fax machines from receiving authorized faxes, prevent their use for



authorized outgoing faxes, cause undue wear and tear on the recipients' fax machines, and require additional labor to attempt to discern the source and purpose of the unsolicited message.

- 4. On behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, Plaintiff brings this case as a class action asserting claims against Defendant under the TCPA, the common law of conversion, and the consumer protection statutes forbidding and compensating unfair business practices.
  - 5. Plaintiff seeks an award of statutory damages for each violation of the TCPA.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 6. Jurisdiction is conferred by 735 ILCS 5/2-209 in that Defendant has transacted business and committed tortious acts related to the matters complained of herein.
- 7. Venue is proper in Lake County pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-101, et seq. because some of the tortious acts complained of occurred in Lake County, Illinois.
- 8. Federal jurisdiction does not exist because no federal question or claim is asserted and Plaintiffs' individual claims are worth less than \$75,000.00, inclusive of all forms of damages and fees. Plaintiff expressly disclaims any individual recovery in excess of \$75,000.00, inclusive of all forms of damages and fees.

#### **PARTIES**

- Plaintiff is an Illinois corporation with its principal place of business in Lake
   County, Illinois.
- 10. On information and belief, Defendant, FINISH THOMPSON, INC., is a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal place of business in Erie, Pennsylvania.

#### **FACTS**

11. On or about October, 2005, Defendant faxed an advertisement to Plaintiff. A copy of the facsimile is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- 12. Plaintiff had not invited or given permission to Defendant to send those fax advertisements.
- 13. On information and belief, Defendant faxed the same and similar advertisements to Plaintiff and more than 39 other recipients without first receiving the recipients' express permission or invitation.
- 14. There is no reasonable means for Plaintiff (or any other class member) to avoid receiving illegal faxes. Fax machines are left on and ready to receive the urgent communications their owners desire to receive.

## COUNT I TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 47 U.S.C. § 227

- 15. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.
- 16. In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/2-801, Plaintiff brings Count I pursuant to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227, on behalf of the following class of persons:

All persons who (1) on or after four years prior to the filing of this action, (2) were sent telephone facsimile messages of material advertising the commercial availability of any property, goods, or services by or on behalf of Defendant, (3) with respect to whom Defendant cannot provide evidence of prior express permission or invitation for the sending of such faxes.

- 17. A class action is warranted because:
- (a) On information and belief, the class includes forty or more persons and is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
- (b) There are questions of fact or law common to the class predominating over questions affecting only individual class members, including without limitation:
  - (i) Whether Defendant sent unsolicited fax advertisements;

- (ii) Whether Defendant's facsimiles advertised the commercial availability of property, goods, or services;
- (iii) The manner and method Defendant used to compile or obtain the list of fax numbers to which it sent Exhibit A and other unsolicited faxed advertisements;
- (iv) Whether Defendant faxed advertisements without first obtaining the recipients' express permission or invitation;
  - (v) Whether Defendant violated the provisions of 47 USC § 227;
- (vi) Whether Plaintiff and the other class members are entitled to statutory damages;
- (vii) Whether Defendant should be enjoined from faxing advertisements in the future; and
  - (viii) Whether the Court should award trebled damages.
- 18. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the other class members. Plaintiff's counsel are experienced in handling class actions and claims involving unsolicited advertising faxes. Neither Plaintiff nor Plaintiff's counsel has any interests adverse or in conflict with the absent class members.
- 19. A class action is an appropriate method for adjudicating this controversy fairly and efficiently. The interest of each individual class member in controlling the prosecution of separate claims is small and individual actions are not economically feasible.
- 20. The TCPA prohibits the "use of any telephone facsimile machine, computer or other device to send an unsolicited advertisement to a telephone facsimile machine...." 47

  U.S.C. § 227(b)(1).

- 21. The TCPA defines "unsolicited advertisement," as "any material advertising the commercial availability or quality of any property, goods, or services which is transmitted to any person without that person's express invitation or permission." 47 U.S.C. § 227(a)(4).
  - 22. The TCPA provides:
    - 3. <u>Private right of action</u>. A person may, if otherwise permitted by the laws or rules of court of a state, bring in an appropriate court of that state:
      - (A) An action based on a violation of this subsection or the regulations prescribed under this subsection to enjoin such violation,
      - (B) An action to recover for actual monetary loss from such a violation, or to receive \$500 in damages for each such violation, whichever is greater, or
        - (C) Both such actions.
  - 23. The Court, in its discretion, can treble the statutory damages if the violation was knowing. 47 U.S.C. § 227.
  - 24. Defendant violated the 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq. by sending advertising faxes (such as Exhibit A) to Plaintiff and the other members of the class without first obtaining their prior express invitation or permission.
  - 25. The TCPA is a strict liability statute and Defendant is liable to Plaintiff and the other class members even if its actions were only negligent.
  - 26. Defendant knew or should have known that Plaintiff and the other class members had not given express invitation or permission for Defendant or anybody else to fax advertisements about Defendant's goods or services.
  - 27. Defendant's actions caused damages to Plaintiff and the other class members.

    Receiving Defendant's junk faxes caused the recipients to lose paper and toner consumed in the

printing of Defendant's faxes. Moreover, Defendant's faxes used Plaintiff's fax machine.

Defendant's faxes cost Plaintiff time, as Plaintiff and its employees wasted their time receiving, reviewing and routing Defendant's illegal faxes. That time otherwise would have been spent on Plaintiff's business activities. Finally, Defendant's faxes unlawfully interrupted Plaintiff's and the other class members' privacy interests in being left alone.

28. Even if Defendant did not intend to cause damage to Plaintiff and the other class members, did not intend to violate their privacy, and did not intend to waste the recipients' valuable time with Defendant's advertisements, those facts are irrelevant because the TCPA is a strict liability statute.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, G.M. SIGN, INC., individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, demands judgment in its favor and against Defendant, FINISH THOMPSON, INC., as follows:

- A. That the Court adjudge and decree that the present case may be properly maintained as a class action, appoint Plaintiff as the representative of the class, and appoint Plaintiff's counsel as counsel for the class;
  - B. That the Court award \$500.00 in damages for each violation of the TCPA;
- C. That the Court enter an injunction prohibiting Defendant from engaging in the statutory violations at issue in this action; and
- D. That the Court award costs and such further relief as the Court may deem just and proper, but in any event, not more than \$75,000.00 per individual, inclusive of all damages and fees.

## COUNT II CONVERSION

29. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

30. In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/2-801, Plaintiff brings Count II for conversion under the common law for the following class of persons:

All persons (1) who on or after a date five years prior to the filing of this action, (2) were sent telephone facsimile messages of material advertising the commercial availability of any property, goods or services by or on behalf of Defendant, (3) with respect to whom Defendant cannot provide evidence of prior express permission or invitation for the sending of such faxes.

- 31. A class action is proper in that:
- (a) On information and belief the class consists of forty or more persons and is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
- (b) There are questions of fact or law common to the class predominating over all questions affecting only individual class members, including:
  - (i) Whether Defendant engaged in a pattern of sending unsolicited fax advertisements:
  - (ii) The manner and method Defendant used to compile or obtain the list of fax numbers to which it sent Exhibit A and other unsolicited faxed advertisements; and
    - (iii) Whether Defendant committed the tort of conversion.
- 32. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the other class members. Plaintiff has retained counsel who is experienced in handling class actions and claims involving unlawful business practices. Neither Plaintiff nor Plaintiff's counsel have any interests adverse or in conflict with the class.
- 33. A class action is an appropriate method for adjudicating this controversy fairly and efficiently. The interest of the individual class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims is small and individual actions are not economically feasible.

- 34. By sending Plaintiff and the other class members unsolicited faxes, Defendant improperly and unlawfully converted their fax machines, toner and paper to its own use.

  Defendant also converted Plaintiff's employees' time to Defendant's own use.
- 35. Immediately prior to the sending of the unsolicited faxes, Plaintiff and the other class members owned an unqualified and immediate right to possession of their fax machines, paper, toner, and employee time.
- 36. By sending the unsolicited faxes, Defendant permanently misappropriated the class members' fax machines, toner, paper, and employee time to Defendant's own use. Such misappropriation was wrongful and without authorization.
- 37. Defendant knew or should have known that its misappropriation of paper, toner, and employee time was wrongful and without authorization.
- 38. Plaintiff and the other class members were deprived of the use of the fax machines, paper, toner, and employee time, which could no longer be used for any other purpose. Plaintiff and each class member thereby suffered damages as a result of their receipt of unsolicited fax advertisements from Defendant.
- 39. Each of Defendant's unsolicited fax advertisements effectively stole Plaintiff's employees' time because multiple persons employed by Plaintiff were involved in receiving, routing, and reviewing Defendant's illegal faxes. Defendant knew or should have known employees' time is valuable to Plaintiff.
- 40. Defendant's actions caused damages to Plaintiff and the other members of the class because their receipt of Defendant's unsolicited fax advertisements caused them to lose paper and toner as a result. Defendant's actions prevented Plaintiff's fax machines from being used for Plaintiff's business purposes during the time Defendant was using Plaintiff's fax

- (a) On information and belief the class consists of thousands of persons in Illinois and throughout the United States and is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable.
- (b) There are questions of fact or law common to the class predominating over all questions affecting only individual class members including:
  - (i) Whether Defendant engaged in a pattern of sending unsolicited fax advertisements;
  - (ii) The manner and method Defendant used to compile or obtain the list of fax numbers to which it sent Exhibit A and other unsolicited faxed advertisements;
  - (iii) Whether Defendant's practice of sending unsolicited faxed advertisements violates Illinois public policy;
  - (iv) Whether Defendant's practice of sending unsolicited faxes is an unfair practice under the Consumer Fraud Act; and
  - (v) Whether Defendant should be enjoined from sending unsolicited fax advertising in the future.
- 44. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the other class members. Plaintiff has retained counsel who are experienced in handling class actions and claims involving lawful business practices. Neither Plaintiff nor Plaintiff's counsel have any interests adverse or in conflict with the class.
- 45. A class action is an appropriate method for adjudicating this controversy fairly and efficiently. The interest of the individual class members in individually controlling the prosecution of separate claims is small and individual actions are not economically feasible.

- 46. Defendant's unsolicited fax practice is an unfair practice, because it violates public policy, and because it forced Plaintiff and the other class members to incur expense without any consideration in return. Defendant's practice effectively forced Plaintiff and the other class members to pay for Defendant's advertising campaign.
- 47. Defendant violated the unfairness predicate of the Act by engaging in an unscrupulous business practice and by violating Illinois statutory public policy, which public policy violations in the aggregate caused substantial injury to hundreds of persons.
- 48. Defendant's misconduct caused damages to Plaintiff and the other members of the class, including the loss of paper, toner, ink, use of their facsimile machines, and use of their employees' time.
- 49. Defendant's actions caused damages to Plaintiff and the other class members because their receipt of Defendant's unsolicited fax advertisements caused them to lose paper and toner consumed as a result. Defendant's actions prevented Plaintiff's fax machine from being used for Plaintiff's business purposes during the time Defendant was using Plaintiff's fax machine for Defendant's illegal purpose. Defendant's actions also cost Plaintiff employee time, as Plaintiff's employees used their time receiving, routing, and reviewing Defendant's illegal faxes and that time otherwise would have been spent on Plaintiff's business activities.

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- B. That the Court award damages to Plaintiff and the other class members;
- C. That the Court award attorney fees and costs;
- D. That the Court enter an injunction prohibiting Defendant from sending unsolicited faxed advertisements to Illinois consumers; and
- E. Awarding such further relief as the Court may deem just and proper, but in any event, not more than \$75,000.00 to any individual member.

Respectfully submitted,

G.M. SIGN, INC., individually and as the representative of a class of similarly-situated persons

By:

one of Plaintiff's Attorneys

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### **EXHIBIT A**







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ISSUING OFFICER'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER Ryan M. Kelly, Anderson + Wanca, 3701 Algoni Telephone: (847) 368-1500		60008

<sup>(</sup>See Rule 45, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Subdivisions (c), (d), and (e), on next page)

#### EXHIBIT A

- 1. All documents containing communication with David H. Hansen d/b/a DLH Insurance ("Defendant") and any of its agents or employees.
- 2. All documents, telephone records, or computer records sufficient to identify the fax numbers, names, and addresses of persons or entities to whom you, on behalf of the businesses sent or caused to be sent any fax advertisement for the period of February 9, 2003 to present, and whether the fax transmissions were successful or received.
- 3. All information provided to you by the Defendant and any of its agents or employees.
- 4. All records, whether written, recorded, or electronic, which indentify or show when the fax transmissions were sent.
- All documents, telephone records, or computer records which contain the lists used to send or transmit the advertisements.
- 6. All cancelled checks, contracts, invoices, or service orders evidencing the purchase of names and fax numbers which were utilized to send or transmit the fax advertisements.
- 7. All documents which describe the manner in which the lists of telephone numbers to which the fax advertisements were sent, were compiled, and maintained.
- 8. The logs of individuals who gave prior express permission or invitation to receive the fax advertisements.
- All documents which describe the manner in which you maintained records relating to the transmission of fax advertisements for or on behalf of the Defendant.
- 10. All documents, telephone records, or computer records, which contain, describe, or specify complaints or objections from recipients of the Defendant's advertisements.

G.M. SIGN	Case No.: 07 CV 5953
	) Court Date: Aug. 27, 2008 at 10:00 AM
Plaintiff	)
v. FINISH THOMPSON	ATTY:
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Defendant	Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
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STATE OF New York: COUNTY OF Kings ss:	OF SERVICE
I, Harry Bass, being duly sworn deposes and says deponent is not	a party to this action, I am over the age of eighteen years and
That on July 25, 2008 at 1:51 PM at 1601 East 18th Street, Brook. Case on Caroline Abraham therein named (the intended recipient) each to Ralph Abraham, the Husband of Caroline Abraham, a pers recipient's residence within the state of New York DESCRIPTION: Deponent further states that the description of the Gender: Male Race/Skin: White Hair: White Glasses: No Deponent also enclosed a copy of same in an official depository within NY state. The envelope(s) bore the legend "PERSONAL & by return address or otherwise, that the communication was from a To: Caroline Abraham On: 7/28/2008 To: 1601 East 18th Street, COMMENTS: \$35.00 Subpoena fee was supplied. Attorney Ck #3 MILITARY SERVICE: Deponent asked person spoken to whether States Government or on active duty in the military service in the spoken to also admitted to the recepient is not dependant upon any New York.	To a SUITABLE AGE PERSON: By delivering a true copy of son of suitable age and discretion. Said premises is intended  e person actually served is as follows:  Age: 55 Height: 5'6 Weight: 175  under the exclusive care and custody of the U.S. Postal Services  CONFIDENTIAL" and did not indicate on the outside thereof an attorney or concerned an action against the recipient.  Brooklyn, NY 11230  12602  by the recipient was presently in the military service of the United state of New York and was informed he/she was not. The person
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3	EASTERN DIVISION
4	GM SIGN, INC.
5	PLAINTIFF,
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7	- against - CASE NO.: 06CH27638
8	FINISH THOMPSON, INC.
9	DEFENDANT.
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11	DATE: September 16, 2008
12	TIME: 9:43 a.m.
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15	VIDEOTAPE DEPOSITION OF CAROLINE
16	ABRAHAM, a nonparty witness, taken by the
17	Plaintiff, pursuant to a Court Order, held a
18	the offices of Diamond Reporting, 16 Court
19	Street, Suite 907, Brooklyn, New York 11241,
20	before a Notary Public of the State of New
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2	APPEARANCES:
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9	Attorneys for Defendant 111 West Washington Street, Suite 1020
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ABRAHAM 1 (Whereupon, a series of documents 2 were pre-marked Plaintiff's Exhibits 1 3 through 8 for identification by the 4 Reporter, as of this date.) 5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: My name is Kathy 6 Paschal of Diamond Reporting. 7 Today's date is September the 16th, 8 2008. The time is approximately 9:43 a.m. 9 This is Tape Number 1. 10 deposition is being held in the office of 11 Diamond Reporting, located at 16 Court 12 Street, Brooklyn, New York. The caption 13 of the case is GM Sign, Incorporated, 14 versus Finish Thompson, Incorporated, in 15 the United States District Court of the 16 Northern District of Illinois, Eastern 17 Division. 18 The name of the witness is 19 Mrs. Caroline Abraham. 20 At this time, would the attorneys 21 please identify themselves and the parties 22 they represent? 23 MR. KELLY: My name is Ryan Kelly 24 and I represent the plaintiff, GM Sign. 25



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ABRAHAM 1 I am Steve Schlegel. MR. SCHLEGEL: 2 I represent Finish Thompson, Incorporated, 3 the Defendant. 4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Will the Court 5 Reporter please identify himself and swear 6 in the witness. 7 THE REPORTER: My name is Leonard 8 I am a Court Reporter with Diamond 9 Reporting. 10 ABRAHAM, called as a CAROLINE 11 witness, having been first duly affirmed by a 12 Notary Public of the State of New York, was 13 examined and testified as follows. 14 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: You may proceed. 15 EXAMINATION BY 16 MR. KELLY: 17 Can you state your name for the Q. 18 record, please? 19 Caroline Abraham. Α. 20 Ms. Abraham, my name is Ryan Kelly. 21 I represent the plaintiff in this case. 22 Before I start asking you some 23 questions, I want to make sure that you know 24 some of the ground rules, because there's a 25



5 ABRAHAM 1 Court Reporter here and there's a Videographer 2 3 here. What I ask of you is to allow me to 4 finish asking the question before you give an 5 answer to it, because the Court Reporter can 6 only take down what one person says at one 7 If we start talking over each other, the 8 Court Reporter has a hard time taking down my 9 10 full question and your full answer. Do you understand that? 11 Α. Yes. 12 There maybe a time where I'm going 13 to ask a question that you don't either 14 15 understand or you just didn't here. situations like that, just ask me to either 16 17 rephrase or restate the question and I'll be 18 happy to do that; okay? Α. Okay. 19 I don't want you to give an answer 20 21 to a question that you didn't understand. 22 doesn't help anybody here. Do you understand that? 23 24 Α. Yes. If you do give an answer to a 25 Q. DIAMOND REPORTING 718-624-7200 16 Court St., B'klyn, NY

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2	question th	nat I do ask, I'm going to assume
3	that you ur	nderstood the question; is that fair?
4	<b>A.</b>	That's fair.
5	Q.	If you need to take a break at any
6	time, just	let us know and we can do that.
7	Α.	Okay.
8	Q.	Are you currently employed?
9	Α.	Yes.
10	Q.	By whom?
11	Α.	White Glove Placement, Incorporated.
12	Q.	What is the address there?
13	Α.	85 Bartlett Street, Brooklyn, New
14	York 11206	•
15	Q.	What do you do there?
16	Α.	Various various office
17	management	•
18	Q.	What is your job title?
19	A.	Employment manager.
20	Q.	How long have you worked there?
21	A.	One year.
22	Q.	At some time, were you an owner of
23	company ca	lled Business to Business Solutions?
24	A.	Yes.
25	Q.	When is the first time you started
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1	ABRAHAM
2	the company of Business to Business Solutions,
3	approximately?
4	A. Either 2004 or 2005. I'm not sure.
5	Q. What was the business purpose of
6	that company?
7	A. To service other companies.
8	Q. How were you to service other
9	companies?
10	A. Well, secretarial skills for one
11	thing.
12	The particular client that I think
13	you're interested in was out of the country, so
14	we provided services that they couldn't get
15	themselves in the United States, in particular,
16	phone lines and a method to receive payment.
17	Q. Where did you operate Business to
18	Business Solutions?
19	A. I, myself, worked in my own home.
20	Q. What is the address of your home?
21	A. The address then was 1869 East 23rd
22	Street, Brooklyn 11229.
23	Q. Did you incorporate Business to
24	Business Solution
25	A. It wasn't actually incorporated

8 ABRAHAM 1 I'm sorry to interrupt you. 2 Yes, because I'm not getting a full 3 question out. 4 Α. I'm sorry. 5 Okay. did you ever incorporate 6 Business to Business Solutions? 7 Α. No. 8 Did you have any other workers that 9 worked for Business to Business Solutions? 10 Α. No. 11 Did you work full-time for Business Q. 12 to Business Solutions? 13 Α. Pretty close. 14 So, around 40 hours a week you would Q. 15 do that? 16 Α. Yes. 17 Did Business to Business Solutions Q. 18 ever have an outside office of any sort? 19 Not an office, no. 20 A. When did Business to Business Q. 21 Solutions cease operating, approximately? 22 A little over a year ago. Α. 23

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Q.

Glove?

Is that when you started at White

9 ABRAHAM 1 Shortly before. 2 Α. 3 Why did Business to Business Solutions cease operating? 4 The particular job it had ended. Α. 5 What do you mean "the particular" --Q. 6 The particular company I was working Α. 7 with no longer used it. 8 Q. What was the name of that particular 9 10 company? A. That was Macaw, S.R.L. 11 MR. SCHLEGEL: How do you spell 12 Macaw? 13 THE WITNESS: M-a-c-a-w, S.R.L., 14 which I think means incorporated in 15 16 Romania. Who were the owners of Macaw? Q. 17 Α. I'm not sure. 18 Were you the only owner of Business Q. 19 to Business Solutions? 20 21 A. Yes. Did you receive a subpoena for 22 records in this particular case? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. Did you receive that subpoena from 25 DIAMOND REPORTING 718-624-7200 16 Court St., B'klyn, NY

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1	ABRAHAM
2	my law office?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Did you respond to the subpoena by
5	producing certain documents?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. I'm going to show you documents that
8	have been Bates labeled GM/FT/BB1 through 11,
9	which have been marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 1
10	through 8, and I'm going to ask you to take a
11	look at these documents and tell me whether
12	those are the documents that you produced in
13	response to the subpoena.
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. How did you obtain the documents
16	that are marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 1
17	through 8?
18	A. Mostly from my computer and one out
19	of my bank accounts records.
20	Q. Which exhibit did you retrieve from
21	your bank account records?
22	A. The copy of the check.
23	Q. Is it marked as an exhibit?
24	A. Yes.

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What exhibit number?

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Q.

11 **ABRAHAM** 1 I'm looking for it. 2 Α. Five. It's also Bates labeled GM/FT/BB7; 3 Ο. is that right? Oh, yes, yes, that's correct. 5 A. What documents does Business to Q. 6 Business Solutions have that relate to its 7 business operations? 8 Databases, copies of faxes received, Α. 9 copies of advertising that we edited and made 10 11 up, and in some cases transmission records. When you refer to "databases," what 12 Q. types of databases? 13 Α. Access. 14 Q. Is that a software program by --15 That's part of Microsoft Office's 16 Α. 17 set of programs. 18 Q. What does Microsoft Access allow you to do? 19 20 Keep data in a database. Α. Did you use Microsoft Access to keep 21 Ο. 22 data in the databases? 23 Α. Yes. 24 Q. How did you store copies of the advertisements and edited advertisements on 25

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**ABRAHAM** 1 2 your computer? Copies of advertisements were Α. 3 written in Word, so we simply saved the Word 4 files. 5 How about the edited portions of the Q. 6 advertisements, where there may be handwritten 7 remarks on them? 8 Those came in by fax. Faxes came in 9 Α. through some e-fax service. 10 So, did you receive faxes through an 11 Q. e-fax? 12 Yes, something like that. A. 13 Q. Did you save the faxes onto your 14 15 computer?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Did you organize the data by client?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. So, in order to retrieve the

20 documents that have been marked Plaintiff's

21 Exhibit 1 through 8, did you review the file

22 folder relating to Finish Thompson?

23 A. Yes.

Q. Are the documents that have been

25 marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 1 through 8 the

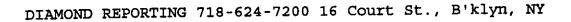
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13 **ABRAHAM** 1 types of documents that Business to Business 2 Solutions uses in its ordinary course of 3 4 business? Α. Used to. 5 Q. Used to? 6 7 Α. Yes. Q. I'm going to draw your attention to 8 Exhibit 1, which is a three-page document. 9 10 Α. Uh-huh. Do you recognize this document? 11 Q. I printed this out, certain records, Α. 12 out of the database that I maintain --13 maintained. 14 15 Are you generally familiar with what 16 the column headings refer to? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Q. The first column heading, it says, "Client ID." Do you see that? 19 20 Α. Yes. 21 Q. And then there's a designation of "J082902." Do you see that? 22 A. 23 Yes. 24 Q. What does that number refer to? 25 Α. That's the specific I.D. that was

14 ABRAHAM 1 assigned to Finish Thompson. 2 Do you want me to explain why we 3 made that ID. 4 Yes, please. 5 Q. "J" was the year that the client Α. 6 first came to us. That was 2005. 7 "08" was August. 8 "29" was the 29th of August. 9 And "02" was the second customer who 10 signed up that day. 11 Q. Who was responsible --12 I shouldn't say "signed up," I'm Α. 13 sorry, but who --14 Q. Showed interest? 15 Α. Showed interest. That's a good way 16 to say it. 17 18 Who was responsible for creating the Client ID Number and putting it into Access? 19 Sometimes -- sometimes I did. 20 sometimes -- I think more often the people at 21 Macaw did in Romania. 22 Q. How did businesses first hear of the 23 opportunity to send out advertisements by fax? 25 A. Mostly by fax advertisements.

15 ABRAHAM 1 2 Q. So, in other words, someone at Macaw or on your end would send out an advertisement 3 by fax soliciting business to advertise by fax? 4 5 Α. Correct. On the fax that is sent to the 6 Q. various businesses, would there be a phone 7 number on that fax? 8 Α. I think so. 9 When somebody would receive the fax, 10 Q. they can call that number; is that right? 11 12 I think that's what was usually done. 13 Who would answer on the other end? Q. 14 Would it be you or somebody at Macaw? 15 16 I think it was almost always voice mails. 17 So, nobody would answer the phone 18 call, but at some time later on there would be 19 a telephone call back; is that right? 20 21 Α. Correct. 22 Q. Would you call the people back? 23 Α. No. 24 Q. It would be the people at Macaw? 25 Α. Yes.

16 ABRAHAM 1 Did Macaw also have access to the Q. 2 Microsoft Access software program? 3 Oh, yes. Α. 4 How was it that both you and the Q. 5 Macaw people had access? Was it done by the 6 internet? 7 Yeah, by the internet. Α. 8 So, the Macaw people can enter date ο. 9 into the database; is that right? 10 Yes. Α. 11 And you can view --Q. 12 Also enter data at the same time. 13 That's one that happens in Access, more than 14 one person can access the database at the same 15 time. 16 The second column, it says, "ID 17 Index." Do you see that? 18 Uh-huh. A. 19 Is that a yes? Q. 20 Yes. Α. 21 What does that refer to? Q. 22 It's the same as a Client ID in this Α. 23 case. It's something that was put in later 24



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ABRAHAM 1 What is the significance of it? Q. 2 At some point along the way, some 3 Α. ID's were given with different letters, but the 4 same date, and it was hard to put them in 5 correct date order that way, so there was some 6 translation necessary to put them in correct 7 date order. In this case, it translated to the 8 same thing. 9 Do you have a specific memory of you 10 ever entering any of the data into Access for 11 this particular case? 12 I probably entered some of the --13 some of the dates along the way on the later 14 pages, not the initial data. Probably not. 15 The third column, it says, "Status" Q. 16 and it says "T." What does that represent? 17 That means, in fact, we had sent Α. 18 faxes for this customer and the customer had 19 paid us. 20 What does the "T" stand for? Q. 21 Just letters of the alphabet were A. 22 assigned, fairly much in order of the process. 23 What were some of the other letters Q. 24 that could be included in the "Status" column?

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2	A. Almost all of them.
3	Q. Okay. But "T" meant that faxes were
4	sent and the client had paid; correct?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. The fourth column, it says, "Fax,"
7	and then it says, "True." Do you see that?
8	A. Yes.
9	THE REPORTER: It says?
10	MR. KELLY: "True," t-r-u-e.
11	Q. What does that represent?
12	A. That this client was, in fact,
13	interested in sending faxes.
14	Q. The next column it says, "Voice,"
15	and then it says, "False." Do you see that?
16	A. Right. That this client did not
17	show an have an interest or do business for
18	us to send voice mails for him, voice ads.
19	Q. The next column it, says, "Ext1,"
20	then there's number, "350." Do you know what
21	that represents?
22	A. Yes an extension in our phone system
23	for to us receive calls for this client or to
24	transfer the calls to him.
25	Q. So, in this particular case, when

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1	ABRAHAM
2	the final advertisement was created, there was
3	a telephone number assigned to this particular
4	company that allowed the recipients of the
5	faxes to call; right?
6	A. Correct.
7	Q. And there would be a unique
8	extension given to the Finish Thompson in this
9	case; right?
10	A. Correct.
11	Q. And is the unique extension number
12	was 350?
13	A. Correct.
14	Q. What is the purpose of including a
15	toll-free number that Business to Business
16	Solutions would answer instead of putting the
17	phone number of the particular company on the
18	ad, so that anyone showing interest in the fax
19	can call the company directly?
20	A. Largely for Macaw, themselves, to
21	take the calls that came in the first day,
22	which would often include complaints about the
23	faxes.
24	Q. There's another column that says,
25	"Agent 1st" and "Agent Sale," and there's a

20 ABRAHAM 1 name "Ron." Do you see that? 2 Yes. Α. 3 What does that represent? Q. 4 "Agent 1st" was the first agent who 5 talked to the customer. "Agent Sale" is the 6 one who dealt with the customer later. 7 Sometimes they were the same person, sometimes 8 they were different. 9 And that's Ron Hillard; is that Q. 10 right? 11 Hillard. Α. 12 Hillard, so it's Hillard; right? Q. 13 Correct. Α. 14 Is the next column is "Src." Do you Q. 15 see that? 16 Right. Α. 17 What does that represent? Q. 18 Source, from what kind of 19 advertising or how the client the client heard 20 about us or how the client got in touch with 21 I don't remember much better than that. 22 What does the "CF" designation Q. 23 represent? 24 I believe it meant the customer

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2	called because of a fax. May be "C" for called
3	and "F" for fax. I'm not sure.
4	Q. The next column, it says, "TZ" and
5	then there's a number "1." What does that
6	represent?
7	A. Time zone in the United States.
8	Time zone 1 was eastern time.
9	Q. What would time zone 2 represent?
10	A. Central time.
11	Q. Time zone 3?
12	A. Mountain time.
13	Q. Time zone 4?
14	A. Pacific time.
15	Q. The next columns, it says, "First
16	Name" and "Last Name." There's a name, "David
17	Bowes, B-o-w-e-s. What does that represent?
18	A. The first and last name of the
19	contact at the client's company.
20	Q. The next column says, "Secretary,"
21	there's name, "Karen," K-a-r-e-n, "Clement,"
22	C-l-e-m-e-n-t. What does that represent?
23	A. Again, the secretary at the client's
24	office.
25	O. And then "Business Name," "Finish

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1	ABRAHAM
2	Thompson, " that's the name of the business; is
3	that right?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. And the last column, under
6	"Business," it says, "Solvent." Do you see
7	that?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. What does that represent?
10	A. The type of business.
11	Q. So, someone at Finish Thompson
12	represented that they were in the solvent
13	business?
14	A. They sold solvent, something like
15	that.
16	Q. The next page, the first column, it
17	says, "PR" and there's a number "2.8." Do you
18	see that?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. Do you know what that represents?
21	A. Something to do with the pricing on
22	the original advertising. I don't remember
23	just what the prices were.
24	Q. The next column, "Phone 1," it says

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"(814) 455-4478." What number does that

23 **ABRAHAM** 1 represent? 2 The number through which to reach Α. 3 Finish Thompson. 4 And the next column, is that the 0. 5 number to receive Finish Thompson by fax? 6 Correct. Α. 7 The next column, it says, "B Date," Q. 8 and there's a date of "August 29, 2005." What 9 does that represent? 10 I'm not sure exactly what all of 11 It was something like a date that these meant. 12 we first got in touch with them, or first sent 13 them the extra information besides their 14 original advertising fax. I'm not sure. 15 What does "C Date" represent? Q. 16 Again, something similar to that. Α. 17 What does "E Date" represent? Ο. 18 I believe it was a follow-up -- no, Α. 19

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contacted them and when we sent them more

same thing. It had to do with when we

it might have been the same -- I can't remember

information, but, I'm sorry, I can't remember.

What does "J Date" represent?

They were all connected with the

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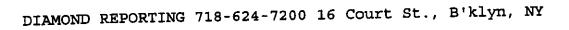
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any better.

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2	A. "J Date" was the date that we first
3	got advertising information from them with
4	which to make up an ad for them.
5	Q. Part of your job duties and
6	responsibilities at Business to Business
7	Solutions was to help create and edit the
8	advertisement; correct?
9	A. Correct.
10	Q. So, you worked with Finish Thompson
11	in order to finalize an advertisement that was
12	to be faxed; correct?
13	A. I'm not sure I worked with them. I
14	worked on the ads and we sent we sent copies
15	to them for approval, and I edited corrections
16	they wanted, if there were any.
17	Q. So, you basically took orders from
18	Finish Thompson to make sure that the ad that
19	was faxed was an ad that they approved;
20	correct?
21	A. That's correct.
22	Q. At any time, have you ever sent out
23	an advertisement by fax that was not first
24	previously approved by a company?
25	A. No.

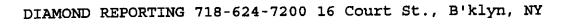
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2	Q. In this case, did Finish Thompson
3	approve the ad that was ultimately faxed?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. What does "M Date" represent?
6	A. The date an ad was finally created
7	for them and sent to them for their approval.
8	Q. What does "N Date" represent?
9	A. The date that they we got
10	approval back from them.
11	Q. What does "P Date" stand for?
12	A. The date that we sent them a letter
13	explaining how to pay us for our services in
14	order to send out the faxes for them.
15	Q. What does "R Date" stand for?
16	A. The date that we received back
17	payment or proof of coming payment, something
18	like that, in order in order actually to go
19	ahead and send out faxes for them.
20	Q. What does "T Date" represent?
21	A. The date the faxes were actually
22	sent.
23	Q. The third page?
24	A. Uh-huh, yes.
25	Q. It says, "Pay," and then I think



1	ABRAHAM
2	it's shortened, but it should say "Pay Number";
3	is that right?
4	A. Correct.
5	Q. And there's a number "49." What
6	does that represent?
7	A. That's simply a counter in this
8	table in the database.
9	Q. What do you mean by that?
10	A. Access works better if every table
11	has what's called a primary key, something that
12	helps index the table. In this case, it's an
13	index for the table. It's an automatically
14	it's called an auto number. It's a number
15	that's simply assigned upped each time, simply
16	to make the database work more smoothly.
17	Q. Then there's another column, "Client
18	ID." It's the same ID Number; is that right?
19	A. As in the other table, so that the
20	two tables can be linked together.
21	Q. There's a "Payment" column with the
22	number "\$288." What does that represent?
23	A. That's the payment amount.
24	Q. Did Finish Thompson pay Business to
25	Rusiness Solutions \$288?



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2	A. That's correct.	
3	Q. The next column says, "Dep Date,	1
4	with a date of "October 6, 2005." What is	
5	that?	
6	A. It looks like I believe it was	3
7	the date the payment was actually deposited	in
8	Business to Business' bank account.	
9	Q. Did next column says, "Bounced,"	and
10	there's a word, "False." What does that	
11	represent?	
12	A. The payment did not bounce.	
13	Q. The next column says, "N Ordered	. "
14	Is that number ordered?	
15	A. Yes.	
16	Q. And there's number of "13,000";	is
17	that right?	
18	A. That's right.	
19	Q. What does the "13,000" represent	?
20	A. Apparently the number of faxes	
21	ordered.	
22.	Q. The next column says, "Zips	
23	Recorded." Do you see that?	
24	A. Yes.	
25	Q. What does the words "False" mean	?



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1	ABRAHAM
2	A. That there is no record of which zip
3	codes were used.
4	Q. And the next column is "Club," and
5	it says, "False. Do you see that?
6	A. Right.
7	Q. What does that represent?
8	A. That the client did not join a
9	special club we had where by an early payment,
10	they received reduced rates later.
11	Q. Did Finish Thompson supply the list
12	to which the advertisement was to be send by
13	fax?
14	A. I don't think so.
15	Q. Who in this case who was responsible
16	for supplying the list?
17	A. Macaw.
18	Q. Was it the custom and practice of
19	Macaw to call the companies on the list seeking
20	permission for it to send an advertisement by
21	fax on behalf of Finish Thompson?
22	A. Not specifically on their behalf.
23	Some many fax recipients were called at
24	sometime, but not specifically before faxes
25	were sent for Finish Thompson.

1	ABRAHAM
2	Q. Now, the data that was entered on
3	Exhibit 1, was that data entered at or near the
4	time the work was being performed?
5	A. Yes, I'm sure it was all entered as
6	those dates were happening, not by memory
7	later.
8	Q. That's my question. When you
9	produced these records for this case, this data
10	had already been in your database in October of
11	2005; correct?
12	A. Correct.
13	Q. And it was entered at or near that
14	time; correct?
15	A. Well, probably day by day as the
16	different dates the dates were probably
17	entered as they happened.
18	Q. Did you, when retrieving these
19	documents, modify, change or alter any of the
20	data that's on Exhibit 1?
21	A. No.
22	Q. So, in other words, this is the data
23	that was in place in October of 2005; correct?
24	A. Correct.
25	Q. If you'd take a look at Exhibit 2?

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Are you able to determine what this Q. 3

Yes.

particular advertisement is?

It looks like an ad we made up for Α. 5 Finish Thompson. I'm not sure if it was the 6

7 final one or not.

A.

I see two different ads here that 8 are very similar, but different. I don't know 9 which is the final one, but it's a close to 10 final version. 11

There is language near the bottom 12 which says, "Please contribute to reputable 13 American charities dedicated to helping flood 14 victims." Do you see that? 15

Yes. Α. 16

Why is that language put in the fax? Q. 17

Macaw put that in -- I'm not -- I Α. 18

don't completely understand, but I think it was 19

largely to minimize complaints. 20

So, Exhibit 2, 3 and 4 are versions ο. 21

of the advertisement that was ultimately faxed; 22

is that right? 23

Α. Right, versions of it. 24

And the way to determine what the Q. 25





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1	ABRAHAM		
2	final version was is to review an advertisement		
3	that was actually sent; correct?		
4	A. Correct. One thing I can tell you		
5	is that the one that says "Extension XXX"		
6	that's Exhibit 4 was apparently the earliest		
7	version before we knew for sure that this		
8	client was going to go ahead and before we		
9	assigned an actual extension number to the		
10	client.		
11	Q. Who was responsible for assigning		
12	extensions to clients?		
13	A. I think mostly I did, based on a		
14	list I was given of available extensions.		
15	Q. Who owned the telephone lines that		
16	were used to take in calls from companies		
17	showing interest in the different businesses?		
18	A. I did.		
19	Q. When you say you did, you're		
20	referring to Business to Business?		
21	A. Business to Business, yes.		
22	Q. How many different telephone lines		
23	did you maintain?		
24	A. That varied over time. At that		
25	time, I don't know if it was 20 or 30.		



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1	ABRAHAM		
2	Q. What telephone carrier did you use?		
3	A. I'm not sure if was AT&T, or		
4	Verizon, or some of both.		
5	Q. Were the 20 or 30 telephone lines		
6	used to sent out the advertisements by fax?		
7	A. Yes.		
8	Q. Can you explain how someone can send		
9	advertisements by fax using a telephone line,		
10	just a general description?		
11	A. Well, it's computer driven.		
12	Q. And how is it done?		
13	A. I don't know the technical part that		
14	well, but I know that the phone lines		
15	themselves connect to modems that connect to		
16	the computer. That part I know, but after		
17	that		
18	Q. So, in this case someone was not		
19	putting in an advertisement on a standalone fax		
20	machine, dialing the number, and doing that		
21	13,000 times?		
22	A. No, no, not at all.		
23	Q. So, you're saying that you can use a		
24	computer with a modem that allows you to		
25	download an image, in this case an		



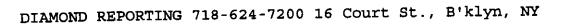
1	ABRAHAM	
2	advertisement, take a list and have the	
3	computer do the work for you, is that right, in	
4	a general sense?	
5	A. Essentially. Essentially, yes. In	
6	this case not a modem, 20 or 30 modems, one for	
7	each line.	
8	Q. Take a look at Exhibit 5.	
9	Let me ask you this: When a company	
10	shows interest in a fax broadcast, there's	
11	discussion about how many faxes are to be send	
12	and to where the faxes are to be sent; correct?	
13	A. Yes.	
14	Q. And that's done by the salesperson;	
15	is that right?	
16	A. Yes.	
17	Q. Once there's an agreement as to the	
18	number and to where they are to be sent, is	
19	there a price quote?	
20	A. Yes.	
21	Q. And in this case, what was the	
22	agreement?	
23	A. I can only judge from these records	
24	that it was \$288 for approximately 13,000	
25	faxes, but I can't tell better than what the	

1	ABRAHAM
2	records say.
3	Q. Sure. What was the custom and
4	practice as to how payment would be received by
5	Business to Business Solutions?
6	A. The main custom at that time was the
7	customers either told over bank account
8	information or faxed over bank account
9	information, and Business to Business created
10	no signature required checks or so-called fax
11	checks from the client's account, pay to
12	Business to Business.
13	Q. In this case, how was it done?
14	A. Since I don't have a copy of a fax
15	showing a copy of a check, it was probably done
16	by phone, I would guess.
17	Q. So, did somebody at Finish Thompson
18	call you and give bank account information, so
19	that Business to Business Solutions can take
20	out the authorized amount?
21	A. I would guess that our salesperson
22	called them and got the information.
23	Q. What information is needed in order
24	to take money out of a particular person's
25	account?

1	ABRAHAM
2	A. Basically just the ABA routing
3	number and the account number.
4	Q. And then once you have that
5	information, do you create a check that you
6	deposit in the Business to Business checking
7	account?
8	A. That's what we used to do at that
9	time, yes.
10	Q. Is that represented by Plaintiff's
11	Exhibit 5?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. Were you the person that created the
14	check that's identified as Exhibit 5?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. So, you typed in the "Pay to the
17	order of," the amount?
18	A. No.
19	Q. Okay. The computer did that?
20	A. I typed in the computer we had
21	a check printing program that already had the
22	"Pay to order of" and the basic format set up.
23	I simply typed in the name the specific
24	information for this check, the various
25	numbers, the various names of the companies.



1	ABRAHAM
2	Q. And then you deposited the check
3	into your bank; is that right?
4	A. Right.
5	Q. And you were banking at Apple Bank;
6	is that right?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. And the check cleared; correct?
9	A. Correct.
10	Q. Now, is it the custom and practice
11	to send out the fax broadcast before or after
12	Business to Business Solutions verifies that
13	the check had sufficient funds?
14	A. I don't think we ever verified. I
15	think we sent out the faxes first, we deposited
16	the check, and without verifying especially
17	beforehand.
18	MR. KELLY: Do you have to take a
19	break?
20	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Yes. Let's go
21	off the record at 10:24 a.m., please.
22	(Whereupon, an off-the-record recess
23	was held.)
24	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the
25	record at 10:25a.m. You may proceed.





37 **ABRAHAM** 1 BY MR. KELLY: 2 In reviewing the documents, are you ο. 3 able to determine how many broadcasts were 4 ordered by Finish Thompson? 5 I would say one because there was 6 only one payment. 7 After this particular broadcast, did 8 you ever speak to anyone at Finish Thompson? 9 I never spoke to anyone there. Α. 10 MR. KELLY: Those are all the 11 questions I have. 12 EXAMINATION BY 13 MR. SCHLEGEL: 14 Ms. Abraham, you did business as 15 Business to Business Solutions from 2004 16 through 2005; is that right? 17 No, until -- until about 2007, 2007. 18 Until 2007. And it was never 19 incorporated? 20 Α. Correct. 21 Did the business have any employees, 22 other than yourself? 23 No. Α. 24 Did the business have an office, Q. 25

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1	ABRAHAM	
2	other than	your home?
3	A.	An office? No.
4	Q.	You worked doing business as
5	Business to	Business Solutions for those four
6	years out o	of your home entirely?
7	Α.	Yes.
8	Q.	What was the address of that
9	facility?	
10	Α.	1869 East 23rd Street, Brooklyn, New
11	York 11229	•
12	Q.	Is that still your place of
13	residence?	
14	A.	No.
15	Q.	Where do you live now?
16	A.	1601 East 18th Street, Brooklyn, New
17	York 11230	•
18	Q.	What is your current business or
19	occupation	?
20	Α.	I work for White Glove Placement,
21	Incorporated.	
22	Q.	Is that a company that you are an
23	owner of?	
24	Α.	No.
25	Q.	What is the nature of it's business?

1		ABRAHAM
2	Α.	In order to work with in particular
3	with these	companies out of the country.
4	Q.	And you had connections with them?
5	A.	Yes, I had connections with them.
6	Q.	Would you tell us generally what the
7	nature of	those connections were?
8	A.	I had spent a fair amount of
9	sometime i	n Romania before that in other
10	connection	s.
11	Q.	During what years?
12	Α.	1999 through about 2003.
13	Q.	Where were you born and raised?
14	A.	I was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I
15	was raised	mostly in Los Angeles, California.
16	Q.	How did it arise that you began to
17	do busines	s with Romanian people?
18	A.	Kind of a long story. I was living
19	in Israel	at the time and I took a vacation in
20	Romania.	
21	Q.	You took a what, vacation?
22	A.	Vacation in Romania.
23	Q.	During what years did you live in
24	Israel?	
25	A.	1989 until 2002.



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1.	ABRAHAM
2	Q. In 2002, did you move back here to
3	Brooklyn?
4	A. I moved here to Brooklyn, yes.
5	Q. Here to Brooklyn. That was the
6	first time you lived in Brooklyn?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. Who compiled the list as to which of
9	these to which these fax advertisements were
10	sent?
11	A. Macaw.
12	Q. Do you know how they did that?
13	A. They had a computer program, and
14	they had lists of names that they were able
15	to they were able to do a lot of things.
16	The would specific types of businesses, sizes
17	of businesses, geographic areas, different
18	ways.
19	Q. What are the names of the
20	individuals at Macaw that you dealt with?
21	A. Ron Hillard, Ionut Morar
22	Q. I'm sorry, Ionut?
23	A. That's I-o-n-u-t.
24	Q. Last name?

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Morar, M-o-r-a-r.

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Α.

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1		ABRAHAM
2		Cristina
3	Q.	With a C-h or a K?
4	A.	Right. I think with just a C
5	actually in	n Romanian.
6	Q.	C-r-i-s-t-i-n-a?
7	A.	t-i-n-a. Chirila, I believe.
8	C-h-i-r-i-	L-a, I think.
9		Octavia Manea. That's the last
10	name is M-a	a-n-e-a.
11		Adrian something. I can't remember
12	his last na	ame.
13	Q.	Adrian?
14	A.	Adrian, A-d-r-i-a-n.
15	Q.	That's a male?
16	A.	Yes, that's a male.
17	Q.	But we don't know the last name?
18	A.	No, I'm sorry. It's probably in the
19	data base.	No, actually probably not, because
20	it's not a	agent.
21		Kevin Wilson.
22		And a couple of other salesman. I
23	don't know	if you want anyone I can think of.
24	Q.	Every one that you can think of that
25	were assoc	iated with Macaw.

1	ABRAHAM
2	A. I don't know if he was or not.
3	Q. Who do you believe was a principal
4	player at Macaw or owner? Who was the boss?
5	A. There was I think it might
6	technically have been somebody named Dragos
7	Vlasceanu. I'm not sure.
8	Q. Would you spell that as best you
9	could?
10	A. D-r-a-g-o-s V-l-a-s-c-e-a-n-u. I
11	believe they said that he was the owner. I'm
12	not sure.
13	Q. Had you met these folks in your
14	travels to Romania when you were living in
15	Israel?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. Did you determine at that time that
18	you were going to do business out of Brooklyn
19	with them?
20	A. No.
21	Q. How did it come that you decided to
22	set up shop, so to speak, in Brooklyn and do
23	business with them beginning in '03 or '04?
24	A. Well, set up shop or do business?
25	Q. Well



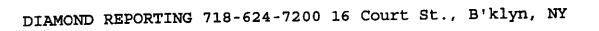
48 ABRAHAM 1 When was the last time that you did? 2 Q. Summer of last year. Α. 3 What was the nature of the business Q. 4 that did you with them last? 5 The same thing, faxing. Α. 6 Fax advertisements? Ο. 7 Fax advertisement or voice dialing 8 advertisement. 9 Do you have records concerning the ο. 10 phone lines, 20 or 30, that you maintained back 11 at the time that these faxes were allegedly 12 sent? 13 I don't know. I'd have to search 14 Α. through old phone lines and figure it out. 15 Did you get the bills --Q. 16 MR. KELLY: Hold on. 17 I did get the bills. Α. 18 MR. KELLY: I don't know if she was 19 done answering the last question. 20 MR. SCHLEGEL: Okay. 21 I don't know. I'd have to search my 22 I did get the bills, but at sometimes 23 records. over the years the bills came electronically, 24 so I didn't always print them out. So, I don't 25

49 **ABRAHAM** 1 know which I still have records from and which 2 I don't. 3 MR. SCHLEGEL: Do you want to take a five-minute break? Fine. 5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off record 6 at 10:42 a.m. End of Tape 1. 7 (Whereupon, an off-the-record recess 8 was held.) 9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on 10 record at 10:53 a.m. You may proceed. 11 BY MR. SCHLEGEL: 12 Ms. Abraham, I had asked you who was Q. 13 associated with Macaw, this Romanian company 14 with whom you did business. 15 Uh-huh. Α. 16 And you had given us a series of 17 names. 18 Uh-huh, yes. Sorry. Α. 19 Mr. Hillard was one of those folks. 20 Do you know what his position or function was 21 with Macaw? 22 A sales agent for one. Α. 23 Where did he reside? Q. 24 Sometimes in Bucharest, sometimes in Α. 25

1	ABRAHAM		
2	New York a	New York and sometimes, I think, in other parts	
3	of the cou	ntry.	
4	Q.	He came to your place of residence,	
5	which was	your place of business?	
6	A.	Yes.	
7	Q.	And dealt with you in terms of	
8	setting up	these phone lines?	
9	A.	Yes.	
10	Q.	And the computer system that you	
11	used?		
12	A.	Yes.	
13	Q.	Did anyone else come with him to	
14	help you i	n that set-up process from Macaw?	
15	A.	In the set-up process, no.	
16	Q.	He was the sole person that	
17	A.	From Macaw.	
18	Q.	dealt with you from Macaw?	
19	A.	Uh-huh.	
20		MR. KELLY: Is that a yes?	
21		THE WITNESS: Yes.	
22	A.	I'm sorry, yes.	
23	Q.	Was he the only person from Macaw	
24	who actual	lly came to the United States in your	
25	dealings v	with them?	

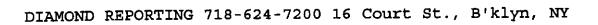


1		ABRAHAM
2	A. No	. Octavia Manea also came.
3	Q. Is	Mr. Hillard a United States
4	resident, as	far as you know now?
5	A. Ye	s, I believe.
6	Q. Wh	ere does he live?
7	A. In	New York.
8	Q. Wh	at does he do; do you know?
9	A. I	can't say.
10	Q. Wh	en is the last time you had any
11	contact with	him?
12	A. Re	cently.
13	Q. Yo	u are friendly with him?
14	A. Ye	s.
15	Q. In	a business sense?
16	A. (W	itness nodding.)
17	MF	R. KELLY: Is that a yes?
18	TH	IE WITNESS: Yes.
19	Q. Is	s he doing anything in connection
20	with your bus	siness now of this White Glove,
21	Inc.?	
22	A. No	o.
23	Q. Wh	nat is the nature of his business
24	or occupation	n as you know it now?
25	Α. Α	salesman, I quess.

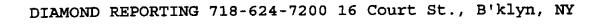


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2	company?	
3	A. I think another one was named	
4	Hyacinth.	
5	Q. What was the nature of that	
6	company's business; do you know?	
7	A. I think it was doing a lot of	
8	different things in Romania. I don't know	
9	specifically. They were doing a lot of	
10	different things in Romania. I don't remember	
11	specifically what.	
12	Q. Is Hillard a Romanian citizen?	
13	A. No.	
14	Q. He is a U.S. citizen, as far as you	
15	know?	
16	A. Yes, as far as I know.	
17	Q. Do you know where he was born and	
18	raised?	
19	A. Actually, where he was born I	
20	think he was raised around Boston.	
21	Q. How old is he?	
22	A. In his sixties.	
23	Q. Where does he live now?	
24	A. In New York.	
25	Q. Where?	

1		ABRAHAM
2	Α.	Yes.
3	Q.	You knew where he lived then?
4	Α.	Probably.
5	Q.	And you know where he lives now?
6	Α.	Yes.
7	Q.	But you're unwilling to answer my
8	question as	s to where that is?
9		MR. KELLY: Objection, asked and
10	answe	red.
11	Α.	That's right.
12	Q.	Why is that? Why are you unwilling
13	to give us	that information?
14	A.	I I don't think that that
15	would I	don't think he would like that. I
16	would have	to check with him.
17	Q.	Now, you understand that you're
18	under oath	in a proceeding in the United States
19	District C	ourt for the
20	A.	Yes, I do.
21	Q.	Eastern District of Northern
22	District o	f Illinois, Eastern Division, do you
23	not?	
24	Α.	Yes, I do.
25	Q.	And you've affirmed that you would



1	ABRAHAM
2	tell the truth?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. And if I were to ask you again where
5	Mr. Hillard lives, you would refuse to answer
6	that question; correct?
7	A. Until I'd have to chance to speak to
8	him, yes.
9	Q. Will you tell me what his phone
10	number is?
11	A. Again, no, I can't do that now.
12	Q. Do you know what it is?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. You could call him?
15	A. I could.
16	Q. I'm going to give you a cell phone
17	and ask you to call him and tell him that I'm
18	inquiring as to where he lives. Would you
19	please do that?
20	A. I'd rather not do it on yours and
21	show his number.
22	Q. Well, I'm the attorney asking the
23	question, ma'am, and I'm asking you to do that;
24	all right? Dial his number on my cell phone?



A.

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Not on your cell phone, no.

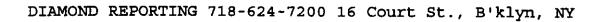
1	ABRAHAM
2	MR. KELLY: There's another way we
3	could do it.
4	Q. Will you tell us what his number is?
5	A. No.
6	MR. KELLY: Counselor, if there's
7	another way to get the number, why don't
8	we?
9	MR. SCHLEGEL: The easy way to get
10	the number is to have the witness tell the
11	truth and tell us what the phone number,
12	and it's absolutely ridiculous that
13	there's a refusal to answer this question.
14	MR. KELLY: Counselor, if we want to
15	take a short break and come up with a way
16	in which we can get the address and phone
17	number, we can do that.
18	MR. SCHLEGEL: I'll go off the
19	record, if you wish, and explore that with
20	you off the record.
21	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All parties want
22	to go off record at this time?
23	MR. KELLY: Yes.
24	MR. SCHLEGEL: Yes.
25	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off record



1	ABRAHAM	
2	at 11:03 a.m.	
3	(Whereupon, an off-the-record	
4	discussion was held.)	
5	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on	
6	record at 11:27 a.m. You pay proceed.	
7	BY MR. SCHLEGEL:	
8	Q. Ms. Abraham, did you call	
9	Mr. Hillard?	
10	A. Yes, I finally got through and he	
11	let's me give out his number.	
12	Q. Pardon me?	
13	A. He let's me give out his number.	
14	He also reminded me I didn't I	
15	had forgotten this that he's actually moved	
16	to Massachusetts, back to Massachusetts,	
17	although he's in New York a lot.	
18	Q. What is his telephone number that	
19	you called?	
20	A. It's (334) 375-7699.	
21	Q. And you say he currently lives in	
22	Massachusetts?	
23	A. Yes.	
24	Q. In what city or 'burb?	
25	A. It's a small town. He told me once.	

1	ABRAHAM	
2	I'm sorry, I think it's somewhere in the	
3	greater Boston area.	
4	Q. Do you know if Macaw is still in	
5	business?	
6	A. I believe it's not, but I'm not a	
7	hundred percent sure.	
8	Q. Upon what do you base that believe?	
9	A. Well, I think I think Ron Hillard	
10	has told me. I haven't I haven't had any	
11	dealings with them myself.	
12	Q. Do you do business with Hillard	
13	currently?	
14	A. No.	
15	Q. Had you done business with him in	
16	any sense other than this blast fax business	
17	that we're talking about in this case?	
18	A. I think I think some advertising	
19	a long years ago back when I was in Israel	
20	also.	
21	Q. Are you aware of the fact that the	
22	Federal Government has enjoined you from being	
23	involved in this so-called junk fax business?	
24	A. I understand that there are various	
25	laws about about faxing, depending on	

1	ABRARAN
2	whether we have a business relationship with
3	customers, that sort of thing.
4	Q. Do you know that the Federal
5	Government has actually enjoined you from
6	engaging in this business?
7	A. I don't know. Have they? I don't
8	know.
9	Q. You don't know?
10	A. No, I don't know.
11	Q. Are you aware of being under
12	investigation federally for any other business
13	dealings that you have had
14	MR. KELLY: Objection, relevance.
15	Q presently?
16	A. No. No.
17	Q. Had you engaged in the business of
18	offering university degrees through the
19	internet?
20	MR. KELLY: Objection, relevance.
21	MR. SCHLEGEL: Okay, subject to the
22	objection.
23	Q. Had that been part of your business
24	in the last few years?
25	A No



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	1	ABRAHAM
<del></del>	2	Q. When did you first become employed
	3	by White Glove Placement, Inc.?
	4	MR. KELLY: Objection, asked and
	5	answered.
	6	You can answer.
	7	A. A year ago.
	8	Q. A year ago?
	9	Do you go to an office for that
	10	company.
	11	A. Yes.
	12	Q. Where is that office located?
	13	A. 85 Bartlett Street, Brooklyn, New
	14	York 11206.
	15	Q. That's pretty nearby where we are
	16	today, is it not?
	17	A. I don't know as the crow flies
	18	Q. How far away is it?
	19	A but I know it's it's going to
	20	be two subways away, two trains away for me to
	21	get there.
	22	Q. Can you tell me the phone numbers of
	23	the lines that you used in connection with this
	24	Business to Business fax?
	25	A. There were many of them. I don't



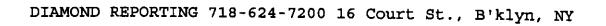
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1	ABRAHAM
2	remember them. I have old phone bills. Maybe
3	I could dig them up.
4	Q. All right. May I ask that you
5	consider yourself served.
6	You were served with a subpoena to
7	come in here today
8	A. Yes.
9	Q for your deposition?
10	A. Oh, not specifically today, but at
11	one point.
12	Q. And you have been served with a
13	subpoena to produce documents, records of your
14	business, as they pertain to this?
15	A. Correct.
16	Q. You have not previously produced
17	telephone records have you?
18	A. Correct.
19	Q. How long would it take you to get us
20	copies of any phone records that you have?
21	A. I don't know, I don't know how
22	complicated that would be. I don't know if I
23	even can. I don't I don't know which phone
24	companies we used at the time. I could see
25	what my records are, but



1	ABRAHAM
2	Q. If I asked you what phone company
3	you used to have these faxes sent out in August
4	of '05
5	A. Uh-huh.
6	Q or October '05
7	A. Uh-huh.
8	Q what would your answer be? What
9	phone companies did you use?
10	A. I'd have to look through bank
11	records, my file cabinet. I don't know what
12	I'll find.
13	Q. You have no recollection as to what
14	companies they were?
15	A. At different times over the years we
16	used mostly AT&T and Verizon, sometimes also
17	Vonage, for short a time also Packet 8.
18	Q. How do I find out what lines sent
19	out this fax to what numbers?
20	A. I'd have to start with looking at
21	my who I paid whom I paid at that time
22	for phone lines, what old bills I have, what I
23	can dig up from the internet or from writing
24	letters.
25	Q. Okav.

1	ABRAHAM
2	A. And it's still going to be a guess
3	because I don't know exactly what time the
4	faxes went out. We know pretty well the date
5	from this, but other things were sent that date
6	also.
7	Q. All right. Let's go back to this
8	date. You're saying that these faxes would
9	likely have been sent out on October 5th
10	October 6, '05?
11	A. Right, October 5th or 6th, I
12	believe, or some of both.
13	Q. The R date on the exhibit is the 5th
14	of October?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. And the T date is the 6th of
17	October?
18	A. Correct.
19	Q. Is there any way of determining
20	whether it was the 5th or the 6th that these
21	specifically were sent out?
22	A. I guess that they were started on
23	the 5th, it might have been the 6th, or even if
24	they were started on the 5th, it takes a long
25	time. They might have finished on the 6th



1	ABRAHAM
2	That's the best I can tell.
3	Q. Now, the physical process of doing
4	that, back on the 5th and 6th of October, how
5	did that take place?
6	Let's assume that I'm Ron Hillard or
7	Macaw and you're Business to Business
8	Solutions. You say, "I got my check in. Okay,
9	send the faxes." Who does what to send faxes
10	at that time?
11	A. Those two other the two other
12	male employees, Ionut and Adrian.
13	Q. Okay. Those guys
14	A. One of them would actually take the
15	ad and turn it into the form that was into
16	the they save it as, I think, a tif or
17	something, some different kind of format.
18	Q. On the computer?
19	A. Right.
20	Q. And they're operating the computer?
21	A. Right.
22	Q. In Romania?
23	A. Out of Romania, but
24	Q. Out of Romania?
25	A. Out of Romania because I think it



1	ABRAHAM
2	messenger.
3	Q. Which is a computer call?
4	A. Uh-huh.
5	MR. KELLY: Is that yes?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Like a text message on a telephone
8	line?
9	A. Well, no, no. It's over computer.
10	It's for chatting back and forth by computer.
11	Q. So, you're the one that gives them
12	the go?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. And they then push the buttons to
15	send the faxes?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. And as far as you know, that's what
18	was done in this case?
19	A. As far as I know, yes.
20	Q. How many other clients did you
21	process these faxes for? I mean, how many
22	other Finish Thompsons are in out there over
23	the course of '05, '06 and '07?
24	A. A few hundred.
25	Q. A few hundred?



ABRAHAM 1 I think so. Α. 2 There are 250 business days in every 3 Ο. year? Uh-huh, yes. Α. 5 So, you're sending out faxes, or 6 7 Macaw is sending outs faxes with your help and your phone lines? 8 9 Α. Yes. A few hundred times over the course 10 Q. 1.1 of three or four years? Α. 12 Correct. So, you've got one going every other 13 Q. 14 day or every three days? Α. 15 It varied. 16 ο. When things were going along, on 17 average, it would be about every two to three 18 days you'd send out a mass of fax advertisements; right? 19 The sometime varied. Sometimes more 20 21 than one a day, sometimes less. 22 Q. Okay. Now, you mentioned on your direct examination here that you put this, 23 "Please contribute to reputable American 24 25 charities" clause largely to eliminate

1	ABRAHAM
2	complaints that were received at the time that
3	the faxes were sent out; is that right?
4	A. Right.
5	Q. When the faxes were sent out and
6	people complained, who did they complain to?
7	Did they call you or did they call
8	A. They called usually the phone number
9	of the company in the ad.
10	Q. That's the "For details," or they
11	called Finish Thompson, their phone number at
12	the top of the ad?
13	A. Well, they also have their phone
14	number on the top. It could be either one. Or
15	our own phone number, Macaw's number's at the
16	bottom sometimes also. Any of them.
17	Q. This number (718) 645-218, Extension
18	233, was that a phone line that you maintained?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. In the name of Business to Business
21	Solutions or in the name of Caroline Abraham?
22	A. I don't remember.
23	Q. Is the other 718 number, 645-2021
24	is that the same type of number, the same
25	number that you maintained?

1	ABRAHAM
2	A. I believe they were part of the same
3	set that I also maintained. I believe these -
4	Q. You say you had 20 to 30 such
5	numbers?
6	A. Usually. I'm not sure at that time
7	It could have been 10 or 20 or 30. They were
8	usually in sets. I believe this was a Verizon
9	number.
10	Q. When you paid your phone bill back
11	in October of '05, when this fax was sent
12	A. Yes.
13	Q did you write a check, put it in
14	the mail?
15	A. I might have or I might have paid
16	over the internet. I don't remember.
17	Q. Can you determine when you go back
18	and check your records?
19	A. That I can find out.
20	Q. Can you find the numbers that you
21	were using in October of '0
22	A. '05?
23	Q 5 by finding the payment of the
24	bill, whether on-line or by check, that you
25	received after the time that these faxes were

1	ABRAHAM
2	sent out?
3	A. It's very likely.
4	Q. Okay. Now, how much time would it
5	take you to do that and to send to counsel and
6	I copies of those records?
7	A. It depends on whether I have the
8	records or not, or whether I have to start
9	calling, or writing, or e-mailing or something
10	the phone companies.
11	Q. Okay.
12	A. It might you know, it might be
13	fast, half an hour, or it might take hours, or
14	days or weeks waiting for correspondence. I
15	don't know.
16	Q. Okay. Well, I'm going to ask that
17	you do that process, and that you give Attorney
18	Kelly and I a call to report just what that
19	process is going to be. I mean, you can call
20	us and tell us you either do or do not have the
21	records and
22	MR. KELLY: Or if you have any
23	questions.
24	Q. We're going to have to resume this
25	deposition to review that process with you,





1		ABRAHAM
2	okay, unles	s we have a great deal of
3	cooperation	and communication that we're agreed
4	upon and th	at you've got to us what you can get
5	us to answe	er these questions; okay?
6		Specifically, I want to find out
7	what lines	sent out this fax to whom; all
8	right? And	d whatever that process entails is
9	what we hav	ve to find out in this case; okay?
10	A.	Okay.
11	Q.	And it's not a matter of criticism
12	of you, or	criticism of Mr. Hillard or anybody
13	involved in	n the thing. It's just what we've
14	got to find	dout to resolve this litigation in
15	Chicago; ol	kay?
16	A.	I understand.
17	Q.	If we can find it out, great. If we
18	can't find	it out, we've got to know why we
19	can't find	it out; okay?
20	A.	Okay.
21	Q.	Fair enough. Do you currently own
22	any busine	ss that's involved in faxing
23	advertisem	ents?
24	Α.	No.



Q. And you have been out of that

1	ABRAHAM
2	business for the last year or more?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Is your husband involved in a
5	similar business?
6	A. No.
7	Q. Was he involved with you at that
8	time back in '05, 6 and 7 in this business,
9	Business to Business Solutions?
10	A. Helping me, personally, but not
11	doing the business.
12	Q. What is his business or occupation?
13	A. It's a company called Instant
14	Response Systems.
15	Q. What is the nature of that business?
16	A. Medical alert systems.
17	Q. That's like the phone things around
18	the person's neck?
19	A. Yeah yes.
20	Q. For alarms for elderly people who
21	may need to fall or may suffer a fall or
22	needy emergency care?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. And his business is involved in
25	marketing such systems, is it?

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**ABRAHAM** 1 Α. Yes. 2 He doesn't manufacture the systems? 3 Q. No. 4 Α. Does he run that out of your home? 5 Q. Α. Yes. 6 7 Q. Does he use the same computers that 8 you used back in '05 and '06 in connection with these businesses? 9 He has a different one, but I Α. 10 sometimes help him out with my computer, which 11 I use for everything. 12 Q. I see. How do we identify your 13 14 computer? Back in '06 you were using what type of machine? 15 Α. A Dell something. 16 17 MR. KELLY: '06 or '05. MR. SCHLEGEL: '06 -- I'm sorry, 18 '05. 19 A Dell something. I don't know what 20 21 it's called. 22 Q. A Dell something and it's a Windows operating system? 23 24 Α. Yes. 25 Q. And it communicated with the system

1	ABRAHAM
2	that Macaw had in Romania?
3	A. Well, yes.
4	Q. To other computers?
5	A. Yes, with the internet.
б	Q. But Macaw, they owned their own
7	computers? This wasn't part of your business;
8	right?
9	A. That's correct.
10	Q. And the numbers that were called to
11	send these faxes, were they kept on your
12	computer or were they kept on Macaw's
13	computers?
14	A. I'm not sure if they physically
15	resided in Macaw's computers or in one of the
16	computers that not my own, but one of the
17	others that I had that connected to the phone
18	lines.
19	Q. What are these others that you had?
20	How do we identify them?
21	You had other computers hooked up
22	with modems?
23	A. Right, one for each set of modems.
24	Q. How many modems did you have?
25	A. One per phone line, depending on how



1	ABRAHAM
2	many phone lines there were at the time.
3	Q. So, you had between 20 and 30 phone
4	lines, and 20 and 30 modems and 20 to 30
5	computers?
6	A. No, no. One computer could do a
7	number of phone lines. I'm not sure if one did
8	all 30, or one did 20 at a time. I'm not sure
9	what the set-up was. There might have been a
10	limit.
11	Q. Did you have a computer consultant
12	that came in to set up your systems?
13	A. When I first moved to New York, a
14	computer consultant helped me a little. After
15	that, my son is very good at computers and he
16	did most of my help.
17	Q. And this is your son Joshua?
18	A. Joel.
19	Q. Joel. Does he still live with you?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. I meant to ask you early on,
22	Ms. Abraham, what was the nature and extent of
23	your formal education? How far did you get in
24	school?
25	A. A Ph.D.



1	ABRAHAM
2	Q. From where, in what?
3	A. From UCLA in mathematics.
4	Q. What year did you get your Ph.D.?
5	A. 1979.
6	Q. From where was your undergraduate
7	degree?
8	A. UC Berkeley.
9	Q. In what year?
10	A. 1970.
11	Q. What was the degree?
12	A. In mathematic, bachelor of arts.
13	Q. B.A.?
14	A. B.A. I think they actually called
15	it an A.B., but the same thing.
16	Q. And you got your master's from
17	where?
18	A. From UCLA, but just as a side thing
19	in the Ph.D. program.
20	Q. Did you teach out there for a period
21	of time during your qualification years for a
22	Ph.D.?
23	A. No. I worked as a teaching
24	assistant one quarter only, but that wasn't



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real -- you wouldn't call that a teacher.

1		ABRAHAM
2	Q.	Well, obviously you're a very bright
3	person and	what was your thesis?
4		MR. KELLY: Objection, relevance.
5		Go ahead.
6		MR. SCHLEGEL: I need to know some
7	backg:	round on this person here.
8	Q.	What was the title of your theses?
9	You've got	to remember that.
10	Α.	No, I don't remember the title
11	exactly.	
12	Q.	No. What's the nature of the
13	Α.	It was in universal algebra.
14	Q.	Universal algebra.
15	A.	And and it was something like,
16	"Infinitel	y Based Finite Algebras Derived from
17	Latices."	
18		MR. KELLY: You asked.
19		MR. SCHLEGEL: And I'm right with
20	it.	
21	Q.	"Infinitely"
22	A.	"Based Finite Algebras"
23	Q.	"Based Finite Algebras"
24	A.	"Derived from Latices."
25	0	"Derived from Latices "

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2	A. But I'm not sure that I mean, it
3	was those those things were ingredients of
4	the title, but I'm not sure if that's the exact
5	order.
6	Q. Okay, very good. To your
7	recollection, you had between 20 and 30 phone
8	lines that you maintained so that Macaw could
9	send out these faxes
10	A. Correct.
11	Q back in '05; right?
12	A. Correct.
13	Q. You'll have to go to your records to
14	find out whether it's 20 or 30, or 22 or 25?
15	A. Or 10, or 18, or
16	Q. Okay. And you are agreed that as
17	part of your responsibilities in this subpoena
18	in this proceeding that you will go home and
19	take reasonable steps to find out what records
20	you have and to reveal them to both Mr. Kelly
21	and to my office?
22	A. Yes, reasonable, yes, but I'm not
23	going to go right home from here.
24	Q. No, no, no, I'm talking about
25	A. When I'm at home

1		ABRAHAM
2	Q.	when you're home and you have
3	some time	
4	A.	When I have time, yes.
5	Q.	within the next couple of
6	weeks	
7	A.	Okay.
8	Q.	something like that, a reasonable
9	time.	
10	A.	Okay.
11	Q.	That you are under the requirement
12	of our req	quest in this process through this
13	subpoena -	
14	A.	I understand.
15	Q.	to search for what records you
16	have, and	be able to tell us what you got, and
17	what you'	re going to have to get or how we're
18	going to l	have to get it; okay?
19	Α.	Correct.
20	Q.	What is the phone number I may reach
21	you at?	
22	Α.	If I got you the lines, you'd be
23	able to g	et the records yourselves, or do I
24	have to go	o that far? How far do I have to go?
25		MR. KELLY: What we can do is

1	ABRAHAM
2	Q. We can subpoena the phone companies
3	if you can tell us
4	A. If I can identify
5	Q. If you can identify the lines that
6	sent out these faxes.
7	A. Then you could do the rest?
8	Q. Well
9	MR. KELLY: We can provide an
10	authorization that will allow the phone
11	carrier to release the records to you,
12	because you maintained those lines, and
13	you could then, in turn, give the
14	telephone records to us without us
15	necessarily subpoenaing the phone company.
16	We can provide you with that written
17	authorization language, which you would
18	just need to sign. I can provide that to
19	you.
20	But what we do need is the telephone
21	numbers and the carrier to which those
22	telephone numbers were assigned to before
23	we can do anything, and you should be able
24	to get that from the billing records.



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Q. Okay?

1	ABRAHAM
2	A. Okay. I mean, I hope so.
3	Q. So, you'll tell us what you can find
4	from your records and then we'll go from there;
5	okay?
6	A. Yes.
7	MR. SCHLEGEL: I don't have anything
8	further at this point in time.
9	I note that subject to your response
10	in a reasonable time to this record
11	request that I reserve the right to call
12	you back in here to conclude this session,
13	but that may not be necessary if we get
14	the records.
15	MR. KELLY: I have just a few
16	follow-up questions.
17	MR. SCHLEGEL: Sure.
18	FURTHER EXAMINATION
19	BY MR. KELLY:
20	Q. Ms. Abraham
21	A. Yes.
22	Q you had said that Ron Hillard was
23	the person responsible for creating the lists
24	for the advertisements to be sent by fax?
25	A. No, I didn't say that.



1	ABRAHAM
2	Q. Who's responsible at Macaw for doing
3	that. I don't know which one of them is. He
4	worked he and Ionut and Adrian.
5	Q. So, it would be those three people
6	that would be responsible for obtaining the
7	company information for each particular
8	broadcast?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. Okay. And in
11	A. Mainly Ionut and Adrian.
12	Q. Do you have knowledge as to how or
13	what search criteria was generally used in the
14	fax broadcasts?
15	A. It depends on the kind of business.
16	Q. Can you explain that?
17	A. All right. For instance,
18	restaurants advertised to the people closest to
19	them.
20	Q. So, would it be fair to say that a
21	search criteria would be a certain mile radius
22	from the restaurant location?
23	A. That would be fair to say for a
24	restaurant.
25	Q. In this case, since the defendant is

T	ABRAHAM
2	Finish Thompson and they've been identified as
3	a solvent company, it appears that they were
4	selling
5	A. Well, let me say, I don't know what
6	kind of company they were, but the thing they
7	wanted to sell was solvent.
8	Q. Okay. Do you have a belief as to
9	how the list was created in order to send out
10	the faxes?
11	A. I would I would guess that they
12	told us what types of companies tended to buy
13	solvent from them.
14	Q. Is there a way to
15	MR. SCHLEGEL: I just want to note
16	an objection for the record both as to the
17	foundation the question not having any
18	foundation and the answer being a guess.
19	It stands for what it is.
20	Q. How did Macaw obtain company
21	information? Did they buy it from a third
22	party?
23	A. They had the lists for a long time,
24	but I believe they bought them originally from
25	one of the list providers

1	ABRAHAM
2	Q. Some of the most common list
3	providers are Info USA or Dun & Bradstreet. Do
4	any of those names ring a bell?
5	A. Maybe maybe Info USA.
6	Q. Do you have an understanding that is
7	you purchased a national database of company
8	information from Info USA you can search by SIG
9	code?
10	A. I don't know how they worked, but I
11	know that we did that.
12	Q. What do you mean you did that?
13	A. That the Macaw guys, they would work
14	from SIC codes.
15	Q. What is an SIC code?
16	A. Some sort of code of different types
17	of businesses.
18	Q. Are those codes registered with the
19	Federal Government?
20	A. I have no idea where they come from.
21	Q. Who would have the most knowledge at
22	Macaw with respect to how it obtained company
23	information to fax advertisements for Finish
24	Thompson?
25	A. I don't know which of the guvs.



1	ABRAHAM
2	What they did originally for Finish
3	Thompson?
4	Q. Right.
5	A. I don't know if any of them would
6	remember at this point. It was I mean, I'm
7	pretty sure that it must have been Ionut or
8	Adrian who did it, but if they can think
9	back that many years.
10	Q. Are you in contact with those two
11	people?
12	A. No.
13	Q. Do you know their phone numbers?
14	A. No. I might be able to get them
15	from someone, but
16	Q. Is Ron Hillard in contact with those
17	two people?
18	A. I don't know.
19	Q. Is there a way to determine after a
20	fax broadcast occurred what list was used for
21	the particular broadcast?
22	A. I think they had records. I think
23	they had actual lists of which phone numbers
24	were sent to, which actually got through and
25	which didn't.

	1	ABRAHAM
	2	Q. Did you search for that for those
	3	sometimes of documents in this case?
	4	A. Yes, but I had no record of it on my
	5	own.
	6	Q. Did you ask Ron Hillard whether he
	7	has that information?
	8	A. No.
	9	Q. When you made your phone call to
	10	Mr. Hillard today, did you ask him if he had
	11	either transmission reports, call detail
	12	records or lists from any of the broadcasts for
	13	the fax broadcasting?
	14	A. No.
	15	Q. Did Ron Hillard ever create lists
	16	for companies such as Finish Thompson to do a
	17	fax broadcast?
	18	A. I don't think he did it. I think
	19	Adrian and Ionut did it.
	20	Q. Who requested those two people to

- create the lists? Was it you, or Ron Hillard, 21
- or any other sales agent? 22
- 23 Well, yeah, it -- right it could Α.
- have been one of the sales agents. 24
- And then how would those two people 25 Q.



1	ABRAHAM
2	transfer the company information to the person
3	who would send out the faxes, or would they
4	just do it themselves?
5	A. Well, the people who created the
6	lists were the same people who sent out the
7	faxes, those two, Ionut and Adrian.
8	Q. Are Ionut and Adrian still in the
9	United States?
10	A. As far as I know, they're still in
11	Romania.
12	Q. When is the last time you spoke to
13	Ionut?
14	A. At least over a year ago. I don't
15	know.
16	Q. How about Adrian?
17	A. The same thing, over a year ago.
18	Q. After a particular broadcast was
19	sent, is there some type of summary report
20	that's automatically created?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. What would you call that report?
23	Would you call it a summary report or what
24	would you call it?
25	A. Well, we've seen other examples that

1	ABRAHAM		
2	are called transmission reports.		
3	Q. Do those transmission reports show		
4	who was sent the fax?		
5	A. No.		
6	Q. Do the transmission reports show the		
7	total number of successful transmissions?		
8	A. Yes.		
9	Q. In this case, were you able to find		
10	the transmission report?		
11	A. No.		
12	Q. Is there any way if you did further		
13	investigation to find that type of transmission		
14	report?		
15	A. I'm sorry, what's the question?		
16	Q. If you did further investigation,		
17	either called Ron Hillard or contacted the		
18	people from Macaw, would there be a way that		
19	you could obtain that type of transmission		
20	report?		
21	A. I don't know. It might me possible,		
22	but I don't know.		
23	Q. Who would you call to obtain that		
24	information?		
25	A. Try to get in touch with any of		

1	ABRAHAM
2	them.
3	Q. Well, have you done that in this
4	case?
5	A. I asked around a little bit. I
6	didn't I didn't really get anywhere.
7	Q. Who did you ask?
8	A. People people other people.
9	MR. KELLY: That's all I have.
10	FURTHER EXAMINATION
11	BY MR. SCHLEGEL:
12	Q. Ms. Abraham, you said that you asked
13	around a little bit. Who did you ask?
14	MR. KELLY: Objection, asked and
15	answered.
16	Q. Who did you ask?
17	A. People who knew these people.
18	Q. Who are those people who knew these
19	people. Can you give me a name? Who did you
20	ask?
21	A. A while back I did ask Ron Hillard
22	once earlier on
23	Q. Okay.
24	A but he didn't want to have
25	anything to do with it. That's that left me



т.	ABRARAM
2	stumped.
3	Q. So, he refused to give you the
4	information you asked him for?
5	A. He either refused or didn't have it.
6	Q. Which?
7	A. I don't know.
8	Q. Well, you talked to him and you
9	asked him for information.
10	A. Right. I don't know if he has it or
11	not.
12	Q. Did he refuse or
13	A. Well, he didn't he didn't I
14	don't think I don't know if he has it or
15	not, but he's he wasn't interested in
16	dealing with the subject at all.
17	Q. So, he refused to answer your
18	questions?
19	A. Okay.
20	Q. Right?
21	A. Yeah, put it at that.
22	Q. So, in order for to us find out if
23	he has access to that information, we've got to
24	call him at (334) 375-7699; right?
25	A. Yes.



1	ABRAHAM	
2	Q. What is a phone number that I might	
3	reach you at?	
4	A. (718) 986-4055.	
5	Q. You may reach me at I'll give you	
6	my card.	
7	A. Oh, good. It's easier.	
8	Q. It has both my office and cell phone	
9	numbers on it?	
10	A. Good.	
11	(Handing.)	
12	Q. And I would ask that you call at any	
13	time that you have any information or any	
14	question about what information we need.	
15	A. Okay.	
16	Q. And I'll be happy to report to	
17	Mr. Kelly every time that you call me, or	
18	whatever, and whatever we talk about.	
19	A. Okay.	
20	MR. KELLY: I'll do likewise.	
21	Q. And Mr. Kelly will do likewise.	
22	A. Okay.	
23	MR. SCHLEGEL: Thank you very much.	
24	MR. KELLY: I just have a couple of	
25	more follow-ups.	



1	ABRAHAM
2	FURTHER EXAMINATION
3	BY MR. KELLY:
4	Q. When you spoke to Mr. Hillard today,
5	did he tell you where he was, if he was in New
6	York or if he was in Massachusetts?
7	A. No, he didn't mention it.
8	Q. Do you have an understanding of
9	where Mr. Hillard is currently located?
10	A. I would guess I guess New York
11	right now, but he said he's working for a
12	company in Alabama, so I don't know.
13	MR. SCHLEGEL: What company is that?
14	THE WITNESS: I don't know.
15	MR. SCHLEGEL: Do you know the
16	nature of the business?
17	THE WITNESS: No.
18	Q. Did you ask him if he would be
19	willing to come in for a deposition for to us
20	ask him questions?
21	A. No, I didn't ask him.
22	Q. What is your feeling as to what his
23	answer would be if we did ask him?
24	MR. SCHLEGEL: Object to the form of
25	the question, but subject to the

ABRAHAM 1 objection, she can answer. 2 O. You can answer. 3 Α. I don't think he's very interested. 4 I don't think he's interested in this whole 5 issue. MR. KELLY: Okay. MR. SCHLEGEL: Okay, thank you. 8 We'll be in touch on your search for these 9 records. 10 THE WITNESS: Okay. 11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Do all parties 12 want to go off record now? 13 MR. KELLY: Yes. 14 MR. SCHLEGEL: Yes. 15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off record 16 at 12:10 p.m. End of Tape 2. 17 (Whereupon, at 12:10 p.m., the 18 Examination of the witness concluded.) 19 (Thereupon, in an off-the-record 20 21 discussion, the witness waived review and execution of the transcript.) 22 23 24

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97 1 2 CERTIFICATE STATE OF NEW YORK 3 : SS.: 4 COUNTY OF KINGS 5 6 I, LEONARD SWEET, a Notary Public for and within the State of New York, do hereby 8 9 certify: 10 That the witness whose examination is hereinbefore set forth was duly sworn and that 11 such examination is a true record of the 12 testimony given by that witness. 13 I further certify that I am not related 14 15 to any of the parties to this action by blood or by marriage and that I am in no way 16 interested in the outcome of this matter. 17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set 18 19 my hand this 17th day of September, 2008. 20 21 22 Court Reporter 23 24



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From:

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Sent:

Monday, October 13, 2008 3:02 PM

To:

'Caroline Abraham'

Subject:

FW: Request for documents

The parties are considering filing a Rule To Show Cause against you. This will require you to explain to the judge why you haven't retrieved the documents requested. Please let me know when I can expect the documents.

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I have a very impatient judge and he wants these documents retrieved as soon as possible. When can I expect them?

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**Subject:** Request for documents

As you know, on September 16, 2008, three depositions took place wherein requests for documents and other information were made by the parties. You were asked to obtain the following information:

- 1) All telephone and billing records for Business to Business Solutions
- 2) The name, address, and telephone number of Martha Escobar's printing business in Baldwin Hills, California
- 3) The address of the "Rutland location" where the computers were stored
- 4) The address of the "Wilshire Blvd. location" where the computers were stored
- 5) The last known address and e-mail address for Ron Hillard
- 6) The last known address, phone number, and e-mail address for Kevin Wilson
- 7) The e-mail address for Christina Page
- 8) The phone number of Kevin Wilson's parents' house

Please provide these documents and information as soon as possible.

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